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Dear Sir,

British Patent Application to U.S.A.
Serial No. 728,140 Case No. 528-534 GB.
Philip Morris Inc. Our: A/13937 TR/SGC:cvn

Thank you for your letter of 11th March.

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We now enclose two copies of retyped page 3 together with two copies of a Schedule of Proposed Amendments. In connection with these amendments we draw your attention to the following points, reference being made to the revised pagination (item 8) in which original pages 1 to 27 are renumbered as pages 1 to 28:-

(i) We regret that our previous comments on item 1 of the Official Letter did not really explain the objection. The point is that the claim, of course, covers also an unlighted non-filter smoking product and, prima facie, either end of such a product can become the smoking end.

(ii) A related point is the actual definition of "smoking end". You have instructed us that this is the mouth end of a cigarette, for example. However, if this is so then there appears to be a contradiction between, for example, original claim 3 and page 7, line 8 and page 24, lines 2 to 4, which latter passages imply that there are no perforations, in the preferred embodiment, within the prescribed distance from the ignited end.

We believe that our proposed amendments overcome both these difficulties.

(iii) With regard to item 3 of the Official Letter, the difficulty is over the embodiment bridging lines 10 and 11 of page 4. Taken in context, this implies that there are no holes in the wrapper, only the filter. This does not appear to be the embodiment described in Figure 5 (page 6, line 5). Please confirm our amendment to Page 4, lines 10 and 11 and new claim 17.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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